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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY WASHINGTON, D.C.

Issued by the Department of Transportation on October 30, 2001

NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN -- DOCKET OST-2001-10879 $^ \stackrel{\textstyle \sim}{\sim}$

Date Filed: October 22, 2001

This serves as notice to the public of the action described below, taken by the Department official indicated (no additional confirming order will be issued in this matter).

Applicant: Servicios Aereos de Nicaragua S.A. d/b/a SANSA

Relief requested: Exemption from 49 U.S.C. 41301 to conduct scheduled foreign air transportation of persons, property and mail over the following routings (1) Miami, FL-Managua, Nicaragua; and (2) Los Angeles, CA-Guatemala City, Guatemala-Managua; charter foreign air transportation under the terms of the U.S.-Nicaragua Air Transport Agreement; and other charters pursuant to 14 CFR 212 of the Department's regulations, using aircraft wet leased from an authorized carrier. ¹

If renewal, date and citation of last action: New authority

Applicant representative: Susan Jollie 703-354-8450

Responsive pleadings: On October 29, 2001, the applicant informed us that it had polled the parties served with its application and that none objected to our acting in advance of the normal answer date (November 6) or to the merits of the application itself.

DISPOSITION

Action: Approved Action date: October 30, 2001

Effective dates of authority granted: October 30, 2001 - October 30, 2003

Basis for approval: The authority is provided for in the U.S.-Nicaragua Air Transport Agreement. We found, based on the record, that the applicant is substantially owned and effectively controlled by homeland citizens, properly licensed and designated under the Agreement, and operationally and financially qualified to conduct the proposed services, as conditioned below.

Except to the extent exempted/waived, this authority is subject to the terms, conditions, and limitations indicated:

X Standard exemption conditions (attached) ___ Foreign air carrier permit conditions (Order - -)

X Special conditions: In the conduct of the services authorized, SANSA shall use only aircraft wet-leased from a duly authorized and properly supervised U.S. or foreign air carrier that receives requisite authority under the provisions of 14 CFR 212 of the Department's regulations.

Action taken by: Paul L. Gretch, Director
Office of International Aviation

Under authority assigned by the Department in its regulations, 14 CFR Part 385, we found that (1) our action was consistent with Department policy; (2) grant of the authority was consistent with the public interest; and (3) grant of the authority would not constitute a major regulatory action under the Energy Policy and Conservation Act of 1975. To the extent not granted/deferred/dismissed, we denied all requests in the referenced Docket. We may amend, modify, or revoke the authority granted in this Notice at any time without hearing at our discretion.

Persons entitled to petition the Department for review of the action set forth in this Notice under the Department's regulations, 14 CFR §385.30, may file their petitions within ten (10) days after the date of issuance of this Notice. This action was effective when taken, and the filing of a petition for review will not alter such effectiveness.

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¹ On October 26, 2001, Islandflug HF applied for a statement of authorization for permission to conduct wet lease operations on behalf of SANSA. We will process Islandflug's application by separate action.